(b) if so, the steps taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Nagpur Airport

†83. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India have prepared a blueprint for upgradation of Nagpur Airport to international level;

(b) if so, by when this scheme would be put into action; and

(c) the reasons for non-implementation of this scheme so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Upgradation of Nagpur Airport has been taken up for upgradation in a phased manner by Airports Authority of India. Discussion with Government of Maharashtra have been initiated for development of Nagpur airport as a national cargo and passenger hub. In the meanwhile Airports Authority of India has various upgradation works in phase I include Expansion and modification of terminal building and construction of new arrival hall for handling international operation, expansion of existing apron to create two more parking bays for B-747, B-777 and B-767 types of aircraft and construction of new apron with six parking bays for AB-321/B-737-900 class of aircraft. The above works are expected to be completed by the end of 2007. In addition, AAI has also plans to take up construction of Haj Terminal.

(c) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Airports into International Airports

84. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of airports in the country have been identified for upgradation into international airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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